

2024 MENTORSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

Scientists-in-Training – Dermatology & Pathology Residents Dermatopathology Fellows – Junior Faculty

PURPOSE: To enable young physicians, veterinarians, and scientists (including MD, DVM, and PhD students) to develop a mentoring relationship with an established hair researcher in order for them to acquire additional academic or research skills that will further their careers as leaders in hair research.

The focus of the program is on establishing a mentoring relationship, and not a specific research project. Topics can range from working on a research project in progress (either the mentor's or the trainee's) or learning a specific method (clinical or research). Grants are intended for travel and lodging as needed to establish the mentoring relationship. Grants are not intended for costs associated with meeting attendance or for the purchase of books. The mentorship committee will not consider any budgeted costs other than travel and lodging. No food costs should be included in the budget.

IMPORTANT: It is required that both Applicant and Mentor be an American Hair Research Society member to be eligible to apply for a Mentorship Grant. If you or your Mentor are not AHRS members, please apply for membership prior to submitting your Mentorship Grant application. The membership application can be found at: https://americanhairresearchsociety.org/membership/

TIME PERIOD: The application deadline is **November 30, 2023**, for mentorships to occur March 2024-February 2025.

ACCESS APPLICATION: Submit your application via the online portal:

https://registrationreports.com/grants/ahrs/mentorship/2024-ahrs-mentorship-grant-award/

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications must include:

- 1. Completed application form accessed and submitted via online portal.
- 2. Statement of purpose (300-500 words), to include:
 - Description of your career goals.
 - Description of the goal(s) of the proposed mentorship and any specific project planned.
 - How you envision this mentorship will impact your future career in hair research.
 - How the experience specifically will help prepare you to be a leader in hair research.
- 3. Applicant's curriculum vitae.
- 4. A letter from the proposed mentor to include:
 - A statement of willingness to provide the time necessary for this mentorship.
 - Any significant and pertinent details of the planned mentorship.
 - A specific mention of whether the time frame and budget are appropriate for the proposed mentorship.
- 5. A letter from the department chair attesting to the applicant's character and potential to benefit from the mentorship.

<u>Please note:</u> All required components of the application must be completed and/or uploaded by Nov. 30, 2023. There are no exceptions. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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TIPS FOR YOUR APPLICATION:

Applying the following points will assist us to process your application.

- All submitted documents should be in PDF format.
- Letters from proposed mentors and department chairs should be written on their institutional letterhead and include the signature of the writer.
- Please include a direct contact phone number and email for yourself in your application. We will contact you via email and/or phone if we require further information. Please be alert to this and check your email inbox and spam folder regularly.

POST-MENTORSHIP REPORT: Grant awardees are required to submit a one-page written report summarizing the experience and what was learned after the mentorship has been completed, along with a photo of the mentee and mentor together (if possible), for potential publication on the AHRS website.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Completed applications must be received by <u>November 30, 2023</u>. After we receive your application, you will receive a confirmation email within 48 hours. If you have not heard from us within that time frame, please email <u>info@americanhairresearchsociety.org</u> to confirm we received your application.

APPLICATION NOTIFICATIONS: Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application in <u>January 2024</u>. Successful grant awardees will be invited to attend the AHRS Luncheon at the 2024 American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) Annual Meeting, taking place on Friday, March 8, 2024, in San Diego, where the awards will be announced.

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